

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Staples, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/542,445) Group
Filed: April 4, 2000) Art Unit: 1641
Title: Reagents for Assays for Ligands) Examiner:
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to Notice to File Missing Parts for a period of three (3) months. The new time for filing such response will be November 14, 2000.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for eight hundred ninety dollars and no/100 (\$890.00) for this extension of time fee. The original plus 2 copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, DC 20231, on this 26th day of October, 2000.

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